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FURTHER REACTION TO LEONID BREZHNEV'S DEATH

Party, Government Decision

SK121400 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 1300 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] We now announce the joint decision of the KWP Central Committee, the Central Committee of the DPRK Central People's Committee [CPC] and the DPRK Administrative Council on the death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, the general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and the chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

Due to a sudden illness, Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, the general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and the chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, died on 10 November 1982. Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev was a prominent activist of the Soviet party and state and a faithful son of the Soviet people, who had devoted his whole lifetime to the struggle to protect the gains of October and to consolidate the Soviet social system.

Holding the supreme post of the Soviet party and state for a long time, Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev attained great achievements toward the prosperity and development of the country and increasing the welfare of the people. Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev positively supported and encouraged the righteous struggle of our people to attain goals in the country's socialist construction and to achieve the fatherland's independent and peaceful reunification and contributed to developing the traditional friendly and cooperative relations cultivated between the Korean and Soviet peoples.

The death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev constitutes a sad event not only for the Soviet people but also for the peoples of the socialist countries and the world's peace-loving people.

1. Expressing deep condolences for the death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, the KWP Central Committee, the DPRK CPC and the DPRK Administrative Council designate 15 November 1982, the day of his funeral, as a nationwide day of mourning.
2. On this day of nationwide mourning, all agencies, plants, enterprises, schools and streets in the DPRK will fly flags at half-mast. Singing and dancing will be banned nationwide, and a mourning program will be broadcast.
3. A party and government delegation will be sent to the funeral ceremony for the late Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev.

Plenum Elects Andropov

SK130532 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0446 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 13 (KCNA) -- A special plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was held in Moscow on November 12, according to a TASS report. It considered the question of electing the general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee.

The plenary meeting elected Yu. V. Andropov, member of the Politbureau and secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

The plenary meeting was addressed by Yu. V. Andropov, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee.

Kim Il-song Greeted Andropov

SK122230 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2206 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 13 (KCNA) -- The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea, sent a message of greetings on November 12 to Comrade Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov upon his election as general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. The message reads:

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea, the Korean people and on my own, I extend warmest congratulations and comradely greetings to you upon your election as general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

We hope that the fraternal Soviet people under the leadership of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union headed by you will achieve new success in the struggle to defend the gains of the October and build socialism and communism in the Soviet Union.

Believing that the traditional relations of fraternal friendship and cooperation between the Workers Party of Korea and the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and between the Korean and Soviet peoples will grow stronger and develop in the future on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, I take this opportunity to wholeheartedly wish you great success in your responsible work as well as good health.

Kim Il-song Pays Last Respects

SK140318 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2300 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] In connection with the death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the KWP Central Committee and president of the DPRK, visited the Soviet Embassy in our country on 13 November and expressed his deep condolences.

A wreath sent by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was placed beneath the portrait of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song observed a moment's silence in memory of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev and expressed his deep condolences to G.A. Kriulin, ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the USSR to our country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song signed the mourning book. The following entry was made in the mourning book: Allow me to express deep condolences on the death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev was a faithful son of the Soviet people who, as the head of the Soviet Union's party and state, had devoted his entire life to the victory of the cause of socialism and communism in the USSR.

Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev supported our people's struggle for the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland and contributed to the development of the traditional friendly and cooperative relations between the Korean and Soviet peoples.

Though Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev has passed away, his exploits will live long.

Present on the occasion were Comrades O Chin-u, Yi Chong-ok, Yim Chun-chu, Kim Hwan, O Kuk-yol, So Yun-sok, Ho Tam, Yun Ki-pok, Kong Chin-tae, Chong Chun-ki, Hwang Chang-yop and Kim Pok-sin.

Officials Visit Soviet Embassy

SK140448 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2300 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] In memory of the death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, the KWP Central Committee, the DPRK Central People's Committee and the State Administration Council visited the Soviet Embassy in our country on 13 November and expressed their condolences.

Wreaths in the names of the KWP Central Committee, the DPRK Central People's Committee and the State Administration Council were placed before a portrait of the late Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev amid the playing of memorial songs. Those participating in the wreath laying observed a moment's silence in memory of the deceased.

Functionaries of the Ministry of the People's Armed Forces, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Foreign Trade, the Ministry of External Economic Affairs, the Committee for Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries and the Central Committee of the Korean-Soviet Friendship Society also visited the Soviet Embassy, placed wreaths before the portrait of the late Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev and observed a moment's silence in memory of the deceased.

Diplomats Visit USSR Embassy

SK140922 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0913 GMT 14 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 14 (KCNA) -- Diplomatic envoys and embassy officials of various countries to Korea on November 13 visited the Soviet Embassy in Pyongyang and expressed condolences on the death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

They laid wreaths before the portrait of the late Comrade L.I. Brezhnev and observed a moment's silence in his memory.

Yi Chong-ok's Condolences

SK140447 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2300 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] Comrade Yi Chong-ok, premier of the State Administration Council, sent a condolence message to Comrade Nikolay Aleksandrovich Tikhonov, chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Council of Ministers.

In the condolence message he said: Upon hearing the sorrowful news of the passing away of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, allow me to express deep condolences to you and the bereft family of the deceased.

In the condolence message he noted: Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev was a great son of the Soviet people who devoted his entire life to defending the gains of the socialist revolution, strengthening the country's economy and defense and improving the people's welfare.

In the condolence message he pointed out: He paid great attention to strengthening and developing the friendly and cooperative relations between the two countries and positively supported our people's just cause for the independent and peaceful reunification of the fatherland.

In the message he said: Though Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev has passed away, his achievements will long live in the memory of our people and the Soviet people.

O Chin-u's Condolences

SK140909 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0846 GMT 14 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 14 (KCNA) -- General O Chin-u, minister of People's Armed Forces, sent a message of condolence to Marshal of the Soviet Union D. Ustinov, minister of defence of the USSR.

Upon hearing the sad news of the death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, the message expressed deep condolences to the minister of defence and the bereaved family of the deceased.

It said that the death of Comrade L.I. Brezhnev is a sorrowful event not only for the party, government and people of the Soviet Union but also for the socialist countries and world's peaceloving people.

Comrade L.I. Brezhnev, a fine son of the Soviet people, greatly contributed to the development of the friendly and cooperative relations between the peoples and armies of Korea and the Soviet Union on the principle of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, the message noted.

The message said that Comrade L.I. Brezhnev would live long in the hearts of the Soviet and Korean peoples and the world's progressive people for the exploits he performed in the struggle for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism.

Chongnyon's Han Tok-su Message

SK140942 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0908 GMT 14 Nov 82

[Text] Tokyo, November 12 (KNS-KCNA) -- Han Tok-su, chairman of the Central Standing Committee of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon), on November 12 sent a message of condolence to the presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR on the death of Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

Upon hearing the sad news of the death of President Brezhnev, he expressed deep condolences to the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, the Soviet Government and people and the bereaved family of the deceased, in the name of the Chongnyon Central Standing Committee and the entire Korean residents in Japan.

He said that President Brezhnev, a prominent leader of the Soviet people, led the struggle to increase the might of the Soviet Union, paid deep attention to the development of the friendly and cooperative relations between the Korean and Soviet peoples, actively supported the Korean people's struggle for national reunification and struggled for world peace and security, national independence and socialism and communism.

Though President Brezhnev passed away, his exploits will remain long in our hearts, he said.

Pak Song-chol Departure

SK142244 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2210 GMT 14 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 15 (KCNA) -- A party and government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by Comrade Pak Song-chol, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and vice-president of the DPRK, left Pyongyang on November 14 by plane to attend the funeral of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.

It was seen off at the airport by Comrade Yi Chong-ok, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and premier of the Administration Council; Comrade Yim Chun-chu, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and secretary of the Central People's Committee; Cho Yong-kuk, vice-director of a department of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea; Kim Chae-sok, vice-minister of foreign affairs, and other personages concerned.

Soviet Ambassador G.A. Kriulin and officials of the Soviet Embassy in Pyongyang were also present at the airport.

Pak Song-chol in Moscow

SK150514 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0437 GMT 15 Nov 82

[Text] Moscow, November 14 (KCNA) -- A party and government delegation of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by Comrade Pak Song-chol, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Workers Party of Korea and vice-president of the DPRK, arrived in Moscow on November 14 by plane to attend the funeral of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

The delegation was met at the airport by V.I. Dolgikh, alternate member of the Political Bureau, and secretary of the CPSU Central Committee; Z.N. Nuriyev, vice-chairman of the Council of Ministers, and O.B. Rakhmanin, first vice-director of the International Department of the CPSU Central Committee.

DPRK Ambassador to the Soviet Union Kwon Hui-kyong and Korean Embassy officials were also present at the airport.

PRC'S HU YAOBANG RECEIVES RADIO, TV DELEGATION

SK120519 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0407 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] Beijing, November 11 (KCNA) -- Comrade Hu Yaobang, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, on November 11 met at Zhongnanhai in Beijing with the delegation of the Radio and Television Broadcasting Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea headed by its chairman, Yi Yong-ik, on a visit to China.

The head of the delegation conveyed cordial regards of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to respected Comrade Hu Yaobang and to respected Comrade Deng Xiaoping. Expressing deep thanks for this, Comrade Hu Yaobang asked the head of the delegation to convey his wishes for good health and longevity to President Kim Il-song and warm greetings to Comrade Kim Chong-il.

The relationship between the two parties and two peoples of China and Korea is a friendly one to be conveyed down through generations as the leaders of the two countries have always said and a fraternal relationship of supporting and relying on each other, he said.

The Korean comrades are inseparable from us and so are we, Comrade Hu Yaobang said, and went on: The only difference is that Korea is the front and China the rear. The conversation took place in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Present on the occasion were Wu Lengxi, minister of Radio and Television of China, and Chon Myong-su, Korean ambassador to China.

Delegation Returns

SK122330 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2313 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 12 (KCNA) -- The delegation of the DPRK Radio and Television Broadcasting Committee headed by its chairman, Yi Yong-ik, returned home today by air after visiting China.

It was met at the airport by Kim Kwan-sop, chairman of the Committee for Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries; Chu Hyon-ok, general director of the KOREAN CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY; Chong Ha-chon, first deputy editor-in-chief of NODONG SINMUN; Yi Pong-hui, vice-chairman of the DPRK Radio and Television Broadcasting Committee, and Chinese Ambassador to Korea Zong Kewen.

PRC ACADEMY OF SCIENCES DELEGATION VISITSScientific Pact Signed

SK120450 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0344 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 12 (KCNA) -- A working plan for 1983-1984 scientific cooperation between the Academies of Sciences of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China was signed on November 11 in Pyongyang.

Present at the signing ceremony on our side were Chu Sung-sop, first vice-president, and Sin Mun-kyu, vice-president, of the Academy of Sciences; and on the opposite side were the members of the delegation of the Chinese Academy of Sciences headed by its vice-president, Ye Duzheng, and Zong Kewen, Chinese ambassador to Korea.

The plan was signed by Vice-Presidents Sin Mun-kyu and Ye Duzheng.

Meeting With Chong Chun-ki

SK120838 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0807 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 12 (KCNA) -- Vice-Premier Chong Chun-ki on November 11 met and had a friendly talk with the delegation of the Chinese Academy of Sciences headed by its Vice-President Ye Duzheng.

Present there were Sin Mun-kyu, vice-president of the Academy of Sciences and Chinese Ambassador to Korea Zong Kewen.

Delegation Leaves

SK130548 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0403 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 13 (KCNA) -- A delegation of Kyoto prefectural solidarity for supporting Korean Reunification headed by Tetsuo Suemoto, vice-chairman of the Kyoto prefectural headquarters of the Japan Socialist Party, arrived in Pyongyang on November 12.

The delegation of the Chinese Academy of Sciences headed by its vice-president, Ye Duzheng, left here yesterday after visiting Korea.

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC'S KOLINGBA LEAVES

SK'02317 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2753 GMT 10 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 11 (KCNA) -- His Excellency General Andre Kolingba, president of the Military Committee for National Redressment and head of state of the Central African Republic, [CAR], left Pyongyang on November 10 by special plane after successfully winding up his state visit to our country upon the invitation of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and his wife warmly saw off His Excellency General Andre Kolingba and his wife at Pyongyang airport.

The airport was in festive attire to see off the goodwill envoy of the Central African people. Set up amidst thousands of well-wishers carrying the flags of Korea and Central Africa, bunches of flowers and balloons in their hands, were a portrait of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and a portrait of His Excellency General Andre Kolingba, president of the Military Committee for National Redressment and head of state of the Central African Republic, and slogan-boards reading "Long Live the Great Leader Comrade Kim Il-song" and "Long Live His Excellency General Andre Kolingba, president of the Military Committee for National Redressment of the Central African Republic."

Present at the airport to see off the guests were Vice-President of the DPRK Pak Song-chol and his wife, Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Ho Tam, Vice-Premier Kong Chin-tae, chairmen of commissions and ministers of the Administration Council, leading personnel of working peoples organizations, generals of the Korean People's Army, public health and the press and DPRK Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Central African Republic Yi Man-sok.

A farewell function took place at the airport in honor of His Excellency General Andre Kolingba, president of the Military Committee for National Redressment and head of state of the Central African Republic. The national anthems of our country and the Central African Republic were played. His Excellency General Andre Kolingba, in company with the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, reviewed a guard of honor of the KPA three services. Children's Union members presented flowers to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and His Excellency General Andre Kolingba.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song shook hands with His Excellency General Andre Kolingba and hugged him.

His Excellency General Andre Kolingba expressed thanks to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song for the hospitality accorded him during his stay in our country and went aboard the plane, waving to the cheering crowds.

The plane took off at ten a.m.

Kolingba Thanks Kim Il-song

SK110413 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0328 GMT 11 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 11 (KCNA) -- The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received a message of thanks sent by General Andre Kolingba, president of the Military Committee for National Redressment and head of state of the Central African Republic, upon leaving our country. The message, dated November 10, reads:

Your Excellency President Kim Il-song, the great leader and dear friend:

At this moment of departure after our four-day official visit to your great and beautiful country, we deem it a happy duty and great honour to express warmest thanks to Your Excellency and to the government and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for so warm and fraternal hospitality and particular care accorded us.

We realized that the Korean people have the same great respect for us as we do for them. We assure you that through our visit this time we have established the relationship of intimacy with the working people of Korea, united around Your Excellency Kim Il-song, the great leader, and His Excellency Kim Chong-il, the dear leader.

We earnestly hope that the excellent successes we have seen this time will be made in the Central African Republic, too, in the near future through closer exchange between us.

Expressing our very deep thanks to Your Excellency President, the great leader and dear friend, and to the valiant Korean people, we hope that the Korean nation will achieve reunification in peace and harmony free from foreign interference.

With the highest and friendly considerations.

ZIMBABWEAN DEFENSE OFFICIAL ARRIVES FOR VISIT

Arrival Ceremony

SK090512 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2203 GMT 8 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 9 (KCNA) -- A government military delegation of the Republic of Zimbabwe headed by S.T. Sekeramayi, minister of state for defense in the Prime Minister's office, arrived here Monday by air for a visit to our country.

It was met at the airport by Comrade O Kuk-yol, chief of general staff of the Korean People's Army; Pak Myong-ku, vice-minister of foreign affairs; and generals and officers of the KPA.

A welcome function took place at the airport. After the national anthems of the Republic of Zimbabwe and our country were played, head of the delegation S.O. Sekeramayi, together with Comrade O Kuk-yol, reviewed a guard of honor of the KPA.

Meeting With O Kuk-yol

SK091157 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0901 GMT 9 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 9 (KCNA) -- Comrade O Kuk-yol chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army, on November 8 met and had a friendly talk with the government military delegation of the Republic of Zimbabwe headed by S.T. Sekeramayi, minister of state for defence in the Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Zimbabwe, which paid a courtesy call on him.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs Pak Myong-ku and person-ages concerned.

O Kuk-yol Hosts Banquet

SK090513 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0339 GMT 9 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 9 (KCNA) -- The Ministry of People's Armed Forces arranged a banquet Monday for the government military delegation of the Republic of Zimbabwe on a visit to our country.

Speaking first at the banquet, Comrade O Kuk-yol, chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army, said: The friendly and cooperative relations between the peoples and armies of Korea and Zimbabwe are all the more precious and solid because they are based on the exceptional intimacy established long ago between the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and respected Comrade Prime Minister Robert G. Mugabe.

Today the Zimbabwean people and army under the correct leadership of Comrade Robert G. Mugabe, their outstanding leader, are making big successes in the struggle to build a national economy and national culture and national army, decisively smashing all the subversive acts of the enemies at home and abroad, he declared, and said: Our people and People's Army soldiers rejoice at the successes as their own.

Head of the delegation S.T. Sekeramayi, minister of state for defense in the Prime Minister's Office of Zimbabwe, spoke next. He expressed sincere appreciation for the excellent reception given his delegation, when it arrived in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the cradle of the chuche idea, by the heroic Korean people under the exemplary and shining leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song and the dear guide Comrade Kim Chong-il.

Saying that the Korean people are sincere and dedicated comrades-in-arms of the Zimbabwean people, he declared: You have continued to support us in the economic and military fields so that we can consolidate the political, economic and military foundations of our young nation.

Stating that they are closely following the situation in divided Korea caused by the imperialists, he pointed out: We unreservedly condemn the acts of aggression of the imperialists and their puppets against your peaceloving country. We also wholeheartedly support the reunification of Korea according to the principles laid down by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song at the Sixth Congress of the Workers Party of Korea.

The attendants raised glasses to the good health and long life of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, to the good health and long life of the dear leader Comrade Kim Chong-il and to the good health and long life of respected Comrade Prime Minister Robert G. Mugabe.

Talks With DPRK Military

SK10042 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0334 GMT 10 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 10 (KCNA) -- Talks were held in Pyongyang on November 9 between the government military delegations of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Republic of Zimbabwe.

Present at the talks on our side were Chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army Comrade O Kuk-yol and other generals and officers and on the opposite side were the members of the government military delegation of Zimbabwe headed by S.T. Sekeramayi, minister of state for defence in the Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

The talks took place in a friendly atmosphere.

Meeting With Kim Il-song

SK120025 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2201 GMT 11 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 12 (KCNA) -- The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song on November 11, received the government military delegation of the Republic of Zimbabwe on a visit to our country.

Present on the occasion were the members of the delegation headed by S.T. Sekeramayi, minister of state defense in the Prime Minister's Office of the Republic of Zimbabwe. Comrade O Kuk-yol, chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army, was on hand.

The head of the delegation conveyed to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song a personal letter and gift from Comrade Robert G. Mugabe, prime minister of the Republic of Zimbabwe.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song expressed thanks for this and had a conversation with the guests in a cordial and friendly atmosphere.

Sekeramayi's Departure

SK130102 Pyongyang KCNA in English 2231 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] Pyongyang, November 13 (KCNA) -- The government military delegation of the Republic of Zimbabwe headed by S.T. Sekeramayi, minister of state for defense in the Prime Minister's Office, left here for home on November 12. It was seen off at the airport by Comrade O Kuk-yol, chief of General Staff of the Korean People's Army; Pak Myong-ku, vice-minister of foreign affairs; and KPA generals and officers.

During its stay in Korea, the delegation was received by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song. Talks were held in Pyongyang between the Korean and Zimbabwe government military delegations. The delegation visited KPA units and toured various places.

KIM IL SONG ATTENDS KPA ARTILLERY MEETING

SK140440 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2200 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] With the participation of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, a meeting of the artillery of the Korean People's Army [KPA] was held from 12 to 13 November. Participating in the meeting were commanders exemplary soldiers of the KPA artillery.

Placed on the platform of the meeting hall was a portrait of the great leader of our party and our people Comrade Kim Il-song. Seen on the background of the photo was a red flag embroidered with the KWP emblem. Hung on the background of the rostrum were a model picture of Mt. Paektu, the sacred mountain of the revolution -- symbolizing our party's brilliant revolutionary tradition, and a model of the KPA emblem. Seen at the meeting hall were slogans reading: "Long live the great Comrade Kim Il-song," and "Long live the glorious KWP."

Amid the playing of a welcoming song, the great leader of our party and people Comrade Kim Il-song -- the founder and supreme commander of our revolutionary armed forces -- appeared on the rostrum. At this moment, stormy cheers of "Long live the great leader Marshal Kim Il-song" and applause burst forth.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was given a bouquet of flowers as a demonstration of the boundless admiration of those attending the meeting and of all officers and men of the KPA

The platform was taken by Comrade Kim Chong-il, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the KWP Central Committee, member of the Military Affairs Committee of the party Central Committee and secretary of the party Central Committee, and Comrade O Chin-u, member of the Presidium of the Political Bureau of the KWP Central Committee, member of the Military Affairs Committee of the party Central Committee and minister of the People's Armed Forces.

The platform was also taken by Comrade O Kuk-yol, member of the Political Bureau of the KWP Central Committee and chief of the General Staff of the KPA; Paek Hak-nim, member of the Political Bureau of the KWP Central Committee and vice minister of the People's Armed Forces; Comrade Kim Tu-nam, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the KWP Central Committee and director of a department of the party Central Committee; Comrade Kim Kang-hwan, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the KWP Central Committee and deputy chief of the General Staff of the KPA; the commanders of every service and branch of the KPA, generals and officers, and exemplary soldiers.

Reports and discussions were made at the meeting.

At the meeting, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song delivered a programmatic speech to serve as a guideline in strengthening and developing the KPA into a one-a-match-for-one-hundred revolutionary force by thoroughly implementing our party's chuche-oriented policy on building of the artillery force and by increasing the all-round combat capability of the artillery.

On behalf of the party Central Committee, the Military Affairs Committee of the party Central Committee and himself, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song ardently congratulated those attending the meeting and all artillery members of the KPA.

All participants in the meeting were seething with firm resolution to further strengthen and develop the artillery and the entire People's Army into our party's reliable revolutionary armed forces by unconditionally and thoroughly implementing the militant tasks assigned by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song in his programmatic speech. At the meeting a letter of pledge was adopted.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song posed for a photo with those participating in the meeting.

FURTHER REACTION TO BREZHNEV DEATH, FUNERAL

Heng Samrin Departure

BK130556 Phnom Penh SPK in French 0441 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] Phnom Penh, 13 Nov (SPK) -- A high-ranking delegation of the Kampuchean party and state led by Heng Samrin, secretary general of the KPRP Central Committee and chairman of the Council of State, left Phnom Penh today to attend the funeral of Leonid Brezhnev, secretary general of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium. The delegation includes Hun Sen, member of the Political Bureau, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and foreign minister; and Hor Nam Hong, PRK ambassador to the Soviet Union.

The delegation was seen off by Chea Sim, member of the Central Committee Political Bureau and chairman of the National Assembly and the KUFNCD; Chan Si, member of the Political Bureau and chairman of the Council of Ministers; Say Phuthang, member of the Political Bureau and chairman of the Central Organization Commission; Bou Thang, member of the Political Bureau, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and defense minister; Chea Soth, member of the Political Bureau, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and minister of planning; members of the party Central Committee; ministers and deputy ministers.

Oleg Bostorin, Soviet ambassador to Kampuchea, also went to see the delegation off at Pochentong Airport. Members of the diplomatic corps accredited to Kampuchea were also present.

Heng Samrin in Moscow

BK150914 Phnom Penh SPK in French 0401 GMT 15 Nov 82

[Text] Phnom Penh, 15 Nov, (SPK) -- The Kampuchean party and state delegation led by Heng Samrin, general secretary of the KPRP Central Committee and chairman of the Council of State, arrived in Moscow on Sunday, 14 November, to attend the funeral of Leonid Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

The delegation was welcomed by V.I. Dolgikh, candidate member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and secretary of the Central Committee; M.V. Zimyanin, secretary of the Central Committee; M.A. Yasnov, member of the Central Committee and deputy chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium; V.N. Makeyev, member of the Central Committee and deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers; and Smirnovskiy, deputy chairman of the External Relations Commission of the CPSU Central Committee. Hor Nam Hong, the PRK ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the USSR, and cadres of the embassy also welcomed the delegation on its arrival.

After arriving in Moscow, General Secretary Heng Samrin; Foreign Minister Hun Sen, member of the KPRP Central Committee Political Bureau; and Ambassador Hor Nam Hong paid their last respects to Leonid Brezhnev and laid a wreath.

Chea Sim at USSR Embassy

BK130732 Phnom Penh SPK in French 0445 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] Phnom Penh, 13 Nov (SPK) -- This morning a delegation of the party, government and KUFNCD National Council led by Chea Sim, member of the KPRP Central Committee Political Bureau, chairman of the National Assembly and chairman of the KUFNCD National Council, went to the USSR Embassy in Phnom Penh to pay posthumous homage to Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium.

The delegation also included Chan Si, member of the KPRP Central Committee Political Bureau and chairman of the Council of Ministers; Say Phuthang, member of the Political Bureau and chairman of the Central Organization Commission; Bou Thang, member of the Political Bureau, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and minister of national defense; Chea Soth, member of the Political Bureau, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and minister of planning; Mat Ly, member of the Central Committee and vice chairman of the National Assembly; Men Chhan, vice chairman of the KUFNCD National Council; Chan Phin, minister of finance; and Heng Teav, vice chairman of the Federation of Trade Unions.

On this occasion, Chairman Chea Sim expressed his saddest condolences. He wrote in the mourning book:

"The demise of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the Supreme Soviet Presidium, is an immense loss for the Soviet people and the world proletariat as well as the rest of mankind. The life and work of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev are inscribed in the golden book of world history in his quality as a heroic son and an eminent hero of the Soviet working class and a famous vanguard combatant of the forces of peace. The Soviet people and the rest of mankind express their boundless gratitude to him and pledge to always heighten his precious ideology.

"The KPRP Central Committee, the Council of State, the National Assembly, the Council of Ministers and the Kampuchean people extend their most sorrowful condolences to the CPSU Central Committee, the Supreme Soviet Presidium and the Soviet people as well as the family of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, a noble combatant for the cause of the Kampuchean people. The work and noble thought of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev have inspired our struggle for the cause of socialism and peace."

Hun Sen Message to Gromyko

BK130840 Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian 1300 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Condolence message from Comrade Hun Sen, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and minister of foreign affairs, to Comrade Andrey A. Gromyko, USSR minister of foreign affairs]

[Text] I have learned with great distress the news about the demise of Comrade Leonid Brezhnev, the eminent great leader of the Soviet party and state. Comrade Leonid Brezhnev was the most outstanding son of the Soviet working class as well as that of the international proletariat. He was a famous combatant who had sacrificed his life with the unerring goal of strengthening socialism and peace. The loss of Comrade Leonid Brezhnev is most regretful for the Soviet people and the rest of mankind.

The Kampuchean people will never forget the great contribution made by Comrade Leonid Brezhnev to the strengthening and expansion of the bonds of fraternal friendship between the PRK and the Soviet Union. On this most distressing occasion, I would like to extend my most heartfelt condolences to you and, through you, to the Soviet people and the bereaved family.

Bou Thang Message to Ustinov

BK140938 Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian 1200 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Condolence message from Comrade Bou Thang, minister of defense, to Comrade Ustinov, USSR minister of defense]

[Text] Dear Comrade Minister: We have just learned with greatest sadness that Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, died on 10 November.

The people and the armed forces of revolutionary Kampuchea regret the death of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev -- the outstanding leader of the CPSU and the Soviet state -- and will miss him. Over the past 20 years, this comrade led the Soviet people in building and achieving progressive socialist doctrine which transformed the Soviet Union into a brilliant and most powerful country and a reliable supporter of revolutionary forces and people's liberation movements. He was also a solid bastion of world peace, a worthy and active successor of the great Lenin's revolutionary cause, a leader of the Soviet party and state, a politician and the greatest state organizer of this era, a person willing to sacrifice for the cause of strengthening and expanding socialist structure and a tireless combatant for the cause of world peace.

The people of Kampuchea and its revolutionary armed forces express their profound sympathy and will always remember the great merit of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, who led the Soviet Communist Party, people and army and took care to provide support and assistance for our Kampuchean people and armed forces in the cause of defending and rebuilding the fatherland. On behalf of cadres, male and female combatants, the whole army of the revolutionary Kampuchean people and in my own name, I would like to express our condolences and -- through you comrade minister -- share with the CPSU and the USSR Government and Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev's family, the loss of the great, brilliant and dear hero of the Soviet people and the peace-loving peoples the world over. We offer the comrade minister our high consideration of respect.

BOU THANG MESSAGE TO USTINOV ON USSR ANNIVERSARY

BK111005 Phnom Penh Domestic Service in Cambodian 1200 GMT 8 Nov 82

[Greetings message from Bou Thang, minister of national defense, to Marshal of Soviet Union Ustinov, USSR minister of defense]

[Text] Dear Comrade Minister: On behalf of the cadres and combatants of the KPRAF and in my own name, I would like to express my greatest elation and greetings on the occasion of the 65th anniversary of the glorious October Revolution. We are confident that the bonds of friendship, solidarity and cooperation between our two peoples and armies will develop and strengthen steadily in the common interests of our two peoples and armies and of peace and socialism.

I take this opportunity to wish you the best of health, great strength and success in the construction of your great socialist fatherland into a more developed and powerful country in the defense of socialism and world peace. Please, Comrade Minister, accept my best regards.

VODK: SRV FORCES SPRAY POISON IN LEACH DISTRICT

BK140917 (Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea 2330 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] From 15 to 30 October in Leach District, Pursat Province, the Vietnamese sprayed poisons and planted mines in villages, ricefields and forests surrounding villages causing the death of many of our people. This is another criminal act of the Vietnamese aggressors in implementation of their policy to exterminate the Kampuchean race. Because it is their policy to exterminate our Kampuchean race and annex Kampuchean territory to make it their own, the Vietnamese use all methods to kill off our people, no matter how cruel and barbarous.

In fact, for almost 4 years, the Vietnamese aggressors have killed more than 2.5 million Kampuchean people using all methods of killing and are continuing to carry out their planned and systematic killing of our people every day and every month.

Faced with the Vietnamese aggressors' policy of exterminating the Kampuchean race, the Kampuchean people of all nationalities and strata are unanimously uniting under the leadership of the government of Democratic Kampuchea to bravely fight against the Vietnamese aggressors everywhere and bog them down more and more until they are completely destroyed on our territory. This will safeguard the existence of our nation and race.

KHIEU SAMPHAN MEETS WITH CHINA'S ZHAO ZIYANG

BK110945 (Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea 2330 GMT 8 Nov 82

[Text] On the morning of 7 November, Khieu Samphan, vice president of Democratic Kampuchea, currently visiting the PRC, held talks with Zhao Ziyang, premier of the PRC State Council, at the hall of the National People's Congress in Beijing. The two leaders exchanged views on international issues of common interest and on the Kampuchean question.

Zhao Ziyang warmly praised the victories of the struggle waged by the Kampuchean people to drive out the Vietnamese aggressors for national salvation. He reaffirmed that the Chinese people firmly support the Kampuchean people in their struggle against the Vietnamese aggressors for national liberation. The Chinese Government categorically demands that Vietnam withdraw all its aggressive troops from Kampuchea and abandon its policy of aggression and expansion in the region.

Khieu Samphan, vice president of Democratic Kampuchea, expressed profound thanks to the Chinese people and government for their powerful and consistent support for the just struggle of the Kampuchean people against the Vietnamese aggressors for national salvation, national defense and the survival of the Kampuchean nation. Khieu Samphan briefed Premier Zhao Ziyang on the situation of the Kampuchean people's struggle under the leadership of the Democratic Kampuchean Government over the past 4 years -- a struggle which has pushed the Vietnamese enemy into a complete impasse.

The talks between the two sides proceeded in a very warm atmosphere reflecting the profound and sincere friendship between the Kampuchean and Chinese peoples and states. Attending the talks beside Khieu Samphan, vice president of Democratic Kampuchea, were Mrs Ieng Thirith, secretary general of the Foreign Ministry, and Pech Cheang, ambassador of Democratic Kampuchea accredited to the PRC. On the Chinese side were Huang Hua, member of the State Council and minister of foreign affairs; Wu Xueqian, Chinese vice minister of foreign affairs; Zhang Zhen, deputy chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army; and other responsible personalities.

Earlier, the PRC State Council hosted a solemn welcoming ceremony in front of the National People's Congress Palace in honor of vice president Khieu Samphan. Zhao Ziyang, PRC State Council chairman, presided over the ceremony during which the People's Liberation Army band played the national anthems of Democratic Kampuchea and China. Accompanied by Premier Zhao Ziyang, Khieu Samphan reviewed a guard of honor made up of the ground, naval and air forces of the Chinese People's Liberation Army as Chinese youngsters shouted warm welcoming slogans. At the end of the welcoming ceremony, vice president Khieu Samphan and Premier Zhao Ziyang as well as other leaders went into the National People's Congress where they held talks.

VODK REPORTS COMBAT STATISTICS FOR SIEM REAP

BK150306 (Clandestine) Voice of Democratic Kampuchea in Cambodian to Kampuchea 2330 GMT 14 Nov 82

[Excerpt] Last October our comrades-in-arms on the Siem Rear-Route 6 Battlefield killed 125 Vietnamese enemy soldiers and wounded 112 others for a total of 237 enemy casualties.

FURTHER REACTION TO LEONID BREZHNEV'S DEATH

Condolence Message

BK121710 Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao 1030 GMT 12 Nov 82

[12 November condolence message from Kaysone Phomvihane, general secretary of the LPRP Central Committee and chairman of the LPDR Council of Ministers, and Souphanouvong, president of the LPDR and chairman of the Supreme People's Council, to the CPSU Central Committee, the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet and the USSR Council of Ministers]

[Text] We have learned of the news of the passing away of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev. On behalf of the LPRP, the Supreme People's Council, the Council of Ministers and the entire Lao people, we would like to express our condolences to comrades and to the Communists and fraternal people of the Soviet Union.

Comrade Leonid Brezhnev was an outstanding Communist of the era, a loyal continuator of the great cause of Lenin, an earnest nationalist, a beloved son of the Soviet people, a fighter for the victory of socialism and communism in the interests of the working class and laboring people, a precious activist of the international communist and worker movement and a tireless fighter for peace, friendship and cooperation among nations.

Throughout his rich, multilateral activities, from being a worker and fighter to becoming a general, from being leader of party organizations at various levels to becoming the general secretary of the CPSU, Comrade Leonid Brezhnev devoted his life, knowledge, ability and intelligence to the well-being of the Soviet people and to the prosperity and strength of the Soviet Union. He set good examples in resolutely and persistently carrying out all difficult and complex work during the great war for the defense of the fatherland, in clearing virgin land, in improving and rebuilding agriculture and industry and in space exploration. Comrade Leonid Brezhnev merits the name of a hero of the Soviet Union.

Persistently adhering to the foreign policy of Lenin, Comrade Leonid Brezhnev positively contributed to strengthening the unity and strength of the socialist community in the struggle for peace and security of various nations, for arms reduction and for the prevention of the danger of a new world war. Comrade Leonid Brezhnev deserves to be praised and recognized by the progressive peoples in the world as a great statesman.

The passing away of Comrade Leonid Brezhnev is a serious loss for the Soviet party, state and people as well as for the various revolutionary and progressive forces in the world.

As far as the Lao people are concerned, the passing away of Comrade Leonid Brezhnev is a loss of a great and loyal friend, a friend who always took care of and assisted the Lao people's revolutionary cause, a man who did everything to strengthen and develop the friendly relations and cooperation between the LPDR and the Soviet Union.

Our party, state and people will always hold dear to their hearts a sense of gratitude to Comrade Leonid Brezhnev for his deeds for our revolutionary cause and will try our best to strengthen the friendship and all-round and effective cooperation with the Soviet Union in the interests of socialism and peace.

During this time of mourning for Comrade Leonid Brezhnev, we would like to share the sorrow with comrades and the family and relatives of the deceased.

We are convinced that the great Soviet people, under the correct leadership of the CPSU, will be determined to translate the sorrow into enormous power in order to score new, still greater successes in implementing the historic resolutions of the 26th CPSU Congress, in leading the country toward communism and in fulfilling their role as a pillar of socialism, a fortress of peace and a reliable prop for the various revolutionary and progressive forces of the world.

Resolution Issued

BK130426 Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao 1030 GMT 12 Nov 82

[12 November resolution adopted by the LPRP Central Committee, the Supreme People's Council and the LPDR Council of Ministers to mourn Leonid Brezhnev's death]

[Text] The LPRP Central Committee, the Supreme People's Council and the LPRP Central Committee, the Supreme People's Council and the LPDR Council of Ministers would like to inform with sorrow cadres, party members, combatants and people of various tribes throughout the country that Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, passed away at 0830 on 10 November in Moscow.

Comrade Leonid Brezhnev was a beloved, valuable son of the Soviet Union, a staunch Communist, an outstanding leader of the Soviet party and state, a faithful continuator of the great cause of Lenin, an excellent activist of the international communist and workers movement and a tireless fighter for peace, for the communist cause, for the well-being of the Soviet people, for the strength of the socialist community, and for friendship among nations.

Comrade Leonid Brezhnev was a great and loyal friend of the Lao Communists and people, a man who always cared for and attentively assisted the Lao people's revolutionary cause and who did everything to strengthen the fraternal friendship and all-round, fruitful cooperation between the parties, states and peoples of the Soviet Union and Laos.

The passing away of Comrade Leonid Brezhnev is a great loss not only for the Soviet party, state and people, but also for the Lao party, state and people as well as for progressive mankind in the world. To acknowledge his good deeds, to express the deep esteem and profound condolences of the Lao party, state and people toward Comrade Leonid Brezhnev, the LPRP Central Committee, the Supreme People's Council and the LPDR Council of Ministers, with a sentiment of deep sadness and to share the sorrow of the fraternal Soviet people, issue the following decision:

1. Organize nationwide mourning to pay homage to Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev.
2. All party and state offices and organs and mass organizations throughout the country and Lao embassies in foreign countries lower the flag to half-mast for 4 days from 12 to 15 November 1982.
3. Suspend all artistic, literary and festive activities for 4 days as mentioned above.

During this period of mourning, may the entire party, army and people strengthen our unity and our solidarity and all-round cooperation with the Soviet Union and other fraternal socialist countries, heighten vigilance, resolutely smash all enemy schemes, positively fulfill all tasks entrusted by the party and state and score achievements to greet the National Day on 2 December and the forthcoming 60th anniversary of the founding of the USSR.

Vientiane, 12 November 1982.

Kaysone Phomvihan Pays Homage

BK131313 Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao 1200 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] On the morning of 13 November, Kaysone Phomvihan, general secretary of the LPRP Central Committee and chairman of the LPDR Council of Ministers, led a Lao party and state delegation to deliver a wreath to the residence of Vladimir Sobchenko, USSR ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Laos, to pay final homage to Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, who passed away at 0830 on 10 November in Moscow.

The delegation was composed of Gen Khamtai Siphandon, member of the LPRP Central Committee Political Bureau, vice chairman of the council of ministers, minister of national defense and commander-in-chief of the LPA; Phoun Sipaseut, member of the party Central Committee Political Bureau, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and foreign minister; Khamsouk Keola, vice chairman and secretary general of the Supreme People's Council, Souvanna Phouma, government adviser; Sali Vongkhamkao, secretary of the party Central Committee, vice chairman of the Council of Ministers and chairman of the State Planning Committee; Gen Sisavat Keobounphan, secretary of the party Central Committee and interior minister; Maichantan Sengmani, secretary of the party Central Committee and chief of the party and State Control Committee of the party Central Committee and the Council of Ministers; Nhiavu Lobaliayao, member of the party Central Committee and chairman of the Nationalities Committee; Thongsavat Khaikhamphithoun, member of the party Central Committee, minister in charge of the office of the LPRP Central Committee and minister in charge of the Office of the Council of Ministers; and Sai Phetlasi, deputy secretary general of the Supreme People's Council.

On this occasion, General Secretary Kaysone Phomvihan and our party and state leaders signed the book of condolences, which carries the following eulogy:

The fame of Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, an outstanding individual of the Soviet party and state, the continuator of the cause of Lenin, a peace fighter, an excellent activist of the international communist and workers movement, is associated with the world revolutionary cause, with the firm unity of the socialist community, with the struggle movements of the working class in the various capitalist countries and with the various nations struggling for national independence and social progress, for the reduction of tension, for disarmament, against the danger of a nuclear war, for friendship, for cooperation and peaceful coexistence and for a lasting peace in the world. The Lao party, state and people record our gratitude to Leonid Ilich Brezhnev in the history of the friendly relations and fraternal cooperation between Laos and the Soviet Union. The tasks and meritorious deeds of Leonid Ilich Brezhnev will live forever in our hearts.

Later, delegations of various ministries, mass organizations including the youth, women's and trade unions, the Laos-USSR Friendship Association, the Lao Committee for the Defense of World Peace and others laid wreaths to pay last homage to Leonid Ilich Brezhnev.

SIANG PASASON 13 Nov Editorial

BK130414 Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao 0000 GMT 13 Nov 82

[SIANG PASASON 13 November editorial: "The Name of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev Will Remain in Our Hearts Forever"]

[Text] On 12 November 1982, the LPRP Central Committee, the Supreme People's Council and the Council of Ministers of the LPDR informed with sorrow the cadres, party members, combatants and people of various tribes throughout the country that Comrade Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, had passed away in Moscow at 0830 on 10 November 1982. The

Lao people of various tribes are very sad at the loss of Comrade Brezhnev, great and loyal friend of the Communists and people of Laos. The Lao people of various tribes take this occasion to share the sorrow of the Soviet people and Comrade Brezhnev's family.

Throughout his life, from being a worker and fighter to becoming a general and from being a leader of party organizations at various levels to becoming the general secretary of the CPSU, Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev devoted his whole life, energy, intelligence, knowledge and ability to the service of the nation. He served as a good example in resolutely and persistently carrying out all difficult and complex tasks during the great war for the defense of the fatherland as well as in the postwar reconstruction of the country, for example in reclaiming wasteland, improving and rebuilding agriculture, building industry, exploring space, and so forth. He successfully fulfilled all tasks, big or small, difficult or complex or dangerous, entrusted to him by the party and state. Therefore, Comrade Leonid Brezhnev deserves to be a hero of the Soviet Union.

Persistently adhering to the foreign policy of Lenin, Comrade Leonid Brezhnev positively contributed to the enhancement of the peace and security of various nations and for arms reduction in opposition to the danger of a new world war. Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, therefore, deserves to be called a great statesman, recognized, praised and hailed by progressive mankind in the world.

To our country in particular, Comrade Leonid Brezhnev was a great and loyal friend of the Communists and people of Laos. He was always concerned for and paid attention to assisting our people's revolutionary cause. He did everything to strengthen the fraternal friendship and fruitful cooperation in all respects between the parties, states and peoples of the Soviet Union and Laos. Therefore, the passing away of Leonid Brezhnev is a great and serious loss not only for the party, state and people of the Soviet Union, but also for the party, state and people of Laos as well as for various revolutionary and progressive forces in the world.

Comrade Brezhnev deserves to be a beloved, good son of the Soviet people, an outstanding leader of the Soviet party and state, a loyal continuator of the great cause of Lenin, an outstanding communist of the era, a precious activist of the international communist and worker movement, and a tireless fighter for peace, the communist cause, the prosperity of the Soviet people, the strength of the socialist community, and friendship and cooperation among various nations. The Lao state and people of various tribes will forever engrave in their hearts the kindness done by Comrade Leonid Brezhnev for our Lao people's revolutionary cause. During this sorrowful time, let our entire party, army and people enhance solidarity with each other and solidarity and all-round, effective cooperation with the Soviet Union and other fraternal socialist countries, heighten vigilance, determinedly crush all enemy schemes, and strive to fulfill all tasks of the party and state in order to score achievements to welcome the forthcoming 2 December National Day and the 60th founding anniversary of the USSR.

Comrade Brezhnev has gone away from the Soviet people and progressive people in the world. But we are convinced that the great Soviet people, pursuing invincible Leninism and holding aloft proletarian internationalism, will continue to follow the clear-sighted leadership of the CPSU in leading their country to march toward communism and daily strengthening further the Soviet Union to serve as the solid core of the socialist system, a rampart of peace, and the trustworthy foundation for the various revolutionary and progressive forces in the world.

Souphanouvong to Moscow

BK131234 Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao 1200 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] On 13 November, a Lao party and state delegation led by Comrade Souphanouvong, member of the LPRP Central Committee Political Bureau, president of the LPDR and chairman of the Supreme People's Council of the LPDR, departed [departure location not given] to attend the funeral of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, the late general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, who passed away at 0830 on 10 November in Moscow.

The delegation is composed of Comrade Phoumi Vongvichit, member of the LPRP Central Committee Political Bureau and vice chairman of the Council of Ministers, as deputy head of the delegation; Comrade Khamphai Boupha, member of the party Central Committee and acting foreign minister, as member; Comrade Khamta Douangthongla, LPDR ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to the USSR, as member.

The funeral of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev will be held on 15 November in Red Square.

KAYSONE PHOMVIHAN CONGRATULATES USSR'S ANDROPOV

BK131308 Vientiane Domestic Service in Lao 1200 GMT 13 Nov 82

[13 November message of congratulations from Kayson Phomvihan, general secretary of the LPRP Central Committee, to Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee]

[Text] Dear Comrade: On the occasion of your election to the post of general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, on behalf of the LPRP, the working class and the people of Laos and in my own name, I would like to express fraternal salutations and sincere congratulations to you for receiving the confidence of the CPSU Central Committee, the Communists and the people of the Soviet Union and assuming the position of high responsibility to continue the great cause of Lenin and carry on developing the glorious achievements of Comrade Leonid Brezhnev, an outstanding leader of the Soviet party and state and an excellent activist of the international communist and workers' movement.

We are convinced that under the clear-sighted leadership of the honorable and glorious CPSU, the heroic Soviet people will triumphantly carry out the historic resolutions of the 26th CPSU Congress, build the might of the Soviet state and the well-being and prosperity of the Soviet people for the strength and solid unity of the socialist community, and continue carrying out their lofty international obligations toward the struggles of various nations for peace and social progress throughout the world. May the fraternal friendship and the traditional cooperation between the LPRP and the CPSU and between the Lao and Soviet peoples be further strengthened in the interests of our two countries and for socialism and peace.

I wish you good health and glorious success in carrying out your honorable and lofty tasks.

FURTHER REACTION TO LEONID BREZHNEV'S DEATH

SRV Sends Condolences

OW121539 Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese 1102 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] On 12 November 1982, the VCP Central Committee and the SRV's Council of State and Council of Ministers has sent the following message of condolence to the CPSU Central Committee and the USSR's Supreme Soviet Presidium and Council of Ministers:

Hanoi 12 November 1982

Respectfully to the CPSU Central Committee, the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium and the USSR Council of Ministers, Moscow.

The VCP Central Committee, the Council of State and Council of Ministers of the SRV and all the people of Vietnam are extremely sad to learn that Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium, has passed away.

The passing away of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev is an extremely great loss not only to the CPSU and the Soviet state and people, but also to the international communist and workers movements and to all of progressive mankind. An eminent leader of the Soviet Communist Party and state, Comrade Brezhnev lived a glorious life for years and months replete with ordeals and difficulties during and after the great war for national defense of the Soviet people and wrote historic pages shining with military exploits in the defense of the fatherland and in the successful building of socialism in the land of the Soviets.

A faithful and outstanding successor to the immortal cause of the great Vladimir Ilich Lenin and a leader of the glorious CPSU over the past nearly 20 years, Comrade Brezhnev led the Soviet people in the successful building of developed socialism, constantly consolidating the Soviet Union's economic and national defense strength, opening up the road to communism and turning the Soviet Union into a solid and steady bastion of the world peace and revolution.

The passing away of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev is, to the international communist and workers movements and to the national liberation movement, a loss of a eminent activist who, together with the CPSU, constantly held high the banner of proletarian internationalism, greatly contributed to the solidarity of the countries in the socialist community and consolidated and strengthened the revolutionary forces of the era. The world's people have lost a fighter who steadfastly and untiringly struggled for international peace, security and cooperation.

The famous peace program for the 1980's and the important peace initiatives advanced recently by Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev have encouraged and are encouraging all nations to successfully conduct the common struggle to safeguard world peace.

The glorious active life of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, an outstanding son of the Soviet people, is a wonderful example of revolutionary ethics, patriotism and noble internationalistic spirit of a communist fighter and genuine Marxist-Leninist who devoted all his heart to his party and people and to the lofty and fine ideals of socialism and communism.

A close friend and the greatest friend of the Vietnamese people, Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev wholeheartedly and to the best of his ability supported their revolutionary undertaking and outstandingly contributed to consolidating and developing the great friendship, militant solidarity and comprehensive cooperation between the two Communist parties and between the peoples of Vietnam and the Soviet Union.

Boundlessly mourning over and grateful to Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, may we convey to the CPSU Central Committee, to the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet and Council of Ministers, to his family and to all the fraternal people of the Soviet Union, our deepest condolence.

The VCP and the Vietnamese people will try their best to cultivate Vietnamese-Soviet friendship and solidarity to keep it evergreen and everlasting, considering it their obligation and the work of their conscience.

We are firmly convinced that the CPSU and the Soviet Government, as the worthy successors of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, will surely lead the Soviet people to successfully achieve the important resolutions of the 26th CPSU Congress, guiding the Soviet people in vigorously advancing along the path of building material and technical bases of communism and worthily contributing to the cause of peace and revolution in the entire world.

[signed] The VCP Central Committee, the SRV Council of State and the SRV Council of Ministers.

Defense Minister's Condolences

OW131856 Hanoi VNA in English 1527 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] Hanoi VNA November 13 — Defence Minister General Van Tien Dung has extended condolences to his Soviet counterpart, General D.F. Ustinov, on the demise of President Leonid Brezhnev.

In his message, General Van Tien Dung said that the Vietnamese people and armed forces were grateful to President Leonid Brezhnev for his "noble sentiments" and "devoted assistance" to their revolutionary cause.

The Vietnam-U.S.S.R. Friendship Association sent a message of condolences to the Soviet-Vietnamese Friendship Society, saying: "The Vietnamese people will always bear in mind the warm sentiments and great contributions of Comrade Leonid Brezhnev in supporting and assisting the Vietnamese revolution, as well as in constantly consolidating and developing the friendship, close, militant solidarity and comprehensive cooperation between the two countries".

Condolences were also expressed by the Hanoi Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, the Vietnam Women's Union, and the party committees, people's committees and mass organizations in the provinces of Dong Thap and Nghia Binh.

Le Duan at USSR Embassy

OW121649 Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese 1100 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] A delegation of the VCP Central Committee, the National Assembly, the Council of State and the Council of Ministers headed by party Central Committee General Secretary Comrade Le Duan paid last homage to Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium at the Soviet Embassy on 12 November.

The delegation included Comrades Truong Chinh, Pham Van Dong, Nguyen Huu Tho, Pham Hung, Le Duc Tho, Van Tien Dung, Vo Chi Cong, Chu Huy Man, To Huu, Vo Van Kiet, Do Muoi, Nguyen Duc Tan, Nguyen Co Thach, Dong Sy Nguyen, Nguyen Lam, Le Quang Dao, Hoang Tung, Nguyen Thanh Binh, Tran Kien, Tran Xuan Bach, Vo Nguyen Giap, Le Thanh Nghi, Huynh Tan Phat, Nghiem Xuan Yem, Nguyen Xien, Tran Quynh, Vu Dinh Lieu, Tran Phuong and Nguyen Huu Thu.

The delegation's wreath bore the inscription: "Boundless Mourning for Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev."

Comrades Le Duan, Truong Chinh, Pham Van Dong and Nguyen Huu Tho signed in the mourning register, which carried the following words: Boundlessly Mourning for Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, the eminent successor to the great cause of Vladimir Ilich Lenin, the prominent leader of the Soviet party and state, the outstanding activist of the international communist and workers' movements, the fighter who tirelessly struggled for peace and the victory of socialism and communism, the great friend of the Vietnamese people. The passing away of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev is a great loss to the Soviet Communist Party and people and to the entire party and people of Vietnam. In this hour of sorrow, the party and people of Vietnam pledge to do their best to consolidate and intensify the great Soviet-Vietnamese friendship which Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev took great pains to cultivate.

On the same day, the delegations of the Vietnam Fatherland Front Central Committee, the Foreign Relations Department of the party Central Committee, the Foreign Ministry, the Central Military Party Committee and the Ministry of Defense and the Ministry of Interior came to the Soviet Embassy to pay final homage to Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev.

Condolences at Embassy

OW131908 Hanoi VNA in English 1532 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] Hanoi VNA November 13 -- A delegation of the party committee, the People's Committee, and the Fatherland Front Committee of Hanoi headed by Le Van Luong, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and secretary of the Hanoi Party Committee, paid last tribute to Soviet President L.I. Brezhnev at the Soviet Embassy here this morning.

Also today, delegations of mass organizations, public offices, factories, hospitals and universities came to the Soviet Embassy to pay homage to Leonid Brezhnev.

Memorial services for the Soviet president were organized today at the Thang Long bridge construction site in Hanoi and Lam Thao super-phosphate plant in Vinh Phu Province, where a large number of Soviet experts work.

Memorial services were also held in other cities and provinces such as Haiphong, Thai Binh, Hai Hung, Quang Ninh, Quang Nam-da Nang, Phu Khanh etc.

Also today, members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of international organizations in Vietnam paid homage to L.I. Brezhnev at the Soviet Embassy.

More Groups Pay Respects

OW141532 Hanoi VNA in English 1511 GMT 14 Nov 82

[Text] Hanoi VNA Nov. 14 -- Many delegations of public offices and mass organizations went to the Soviet Embassy here today to pay last respects to the late Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev.

Memorial services have been held over the past three days at many industrial centres and other establishments in the provinces of Hai Hung, Ha Son Binh, Ha Nam Ninh, Thai Binh, Thanh Hoa and Thuan Hai, where Soviet specialist are working.

The party committee of the northern border province of Ha Tuyen has sent a message of condolences to the Soviet Embassy in Hanoi.

In Ho Chi Minh City on November 12-13, more than 100 (one hundred) delegations called on the Soviet Consulate General. Floral tributes were also paid by delegations from the provinces of Dong Nai, Ben Tre, Song Be, Long An, Minh Hai, and Hau Giang.

Nationwide Mourning Decreed

OW121845 Hanoi VNA in English 1707 GMT 12 Nov 82

[Text] Hanoi VNA November 12 -- The Central Committee of the Communist Party, the Council of State, and the Council of Ministers of Vietnam today declared mourning in the whole country, from November 13-15, over the death of Leonid I Brezhnev, general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and president of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet.

Flags will be flown at half staff at office buildings and all recreational activities will be suspended.

In a decision released here by the Council of Ministers the late Soviet president was praised as "an outstanding continuator of the great cause of V.I. Lenin, a prominent activist of the international communist and workers movement, a tireless fighter for peace and for the victory of socialism and communism, and a great friend of the Vietnamese people."

Ho Chi Minh City Meeting

OW131126 Hanoi VNA in English 0713 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] Hanoi VNA November 13 -- A memorial service was held in Ho Chi Minh City yesterday for L.I. Brezhnev, general secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and president of the Presidium of the U.S.S.R. Supreme Soviet.

Nguyen Van Linh, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and secretary of the city party committee, and Mai Chi Tho, member of the C.P.V. Central Committee and chairman of the city people's committee, led a delegation to pay last respects to L.I. Brezhnev and expressed deep sorrow to Soviet General Consul O.A. Volkov.

Later, delegations of the Fatherland Front Committee, the Vietnam-U.S.S.R. Friendship Association and various offices where Soviet specialists are working, also called at the Soviet General Consulate.

Delegations of the general consulates of the People's Republic of Kampuchea, the German Democratic Republic, the Republic of Cuba, the People's Republic of Poland and the Republic of France paid last tributes to L.I. Brezhnev and expressed condolences to the Soviet general consul.

On the same day, delegations from Gen Tre, Dong Nai and Song Be Provinces called at the Soviet General Consulate.

A message of condolences of the Ho Chi Minh City Party Committee and the people's committee was sent to the population of the sister Soviet city of Leningrad.

Envoy, Cadres Pay Tribute

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[Text] All cadres of the Vietnamese Embassy in Moscow and the CEMA representation office, Vietnamese specialists working in research institutes and other organs in the Soviet Union, Vietnamese students, student trainees, research students and vocational students and Vietnamese workers under training in various industrial enterprises in the Soviet Union are deeply grieved to learn that Comrade Brezhnev has passed away.

On the morning of 13 November, Comrade Dinh Nho Liem, member of the VCP Central Committee and our country's ambassador to the Soviet Union, paid his last tribute to Comrade Brezhnev lying in state in the House of Unions, representatives of Vietnamese students, cadres and workers in many places called on the leaders of organs, schools and enterprises in the Soviet Union to express their deep grievances and share the great loss with the Soviet people. They also participated in memorial services held in relevant organs and establishments.

Truong Chinh Departs for USSR

BK140054 Hanoi Domestic Service in Vietnamese 2300 GMT 13 Nov 82

[Text] On 13 November a ceremony was held at the office of the chairman of the Council of State to send off a high-ranking delegation of our party and state led by Comrade Truong Chinh, member of the VCP Central Committee Political Bureau and chairman of the SRV Council of State, to the Soviet Union to attend the funeral of Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev.

The delegation comprises Comrades Nguyen Co Thach and Dinh Nho Liem.

On hand to send off the delegation were Comrade Pham Van Dong, Nguyen Huu Tho, Pham Hung, Van Tien Dung, Vo Chi Cong, Chu Huy Man, To Huu, Do Muoi, Nguyen Duc Tam, Dong Si Nguyen, Hoang Tung, Le Thanh Nghi, Huynh Tan Phat, Xuan Thuy, Nguyen Xien, Tran Quynh Tran Quoc Hoan, Vu Quang, Ha Van Lau and representatives of various public organs and mass organizations at the central level and in Hanoi.

Also present at the send off ceremony was the Soviet ambassador to our country, Chaplin.

Floral Tribute

OW150811 Hanoi VNA in English 0720 GMT 15 Nov 82

[Text] Hanoi VNA Nov. 15 -- A high-level party and state delegation of Vietnam paid a floral tribute to the late Soviet President Leonid I. Brezhnev in Moscow yesterday.

The delegation was led by Truong Chinh, member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and president of the Council of State.

It had arrived in Moscow on the same day and had been met by V.I. Dolgikh, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, and M.V. Zimyanin, secretary of the C.P.S.U. Central Committee.

NHAN DAN 15 Nov Editorial

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[15 November NHAN DAN editorial: "Great Fighter for Socialism and Peace"]

[Text] We, the Vietnamese Communists and people, boundlessly mourn Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, an eminent leader of the Soviet Communist Party and state, an outstanding successor of the cause of the great Vladimir Ilich Lenin, a most distinguished activist of the international communist and workers movement and a great, intimate friend of our Vietnamese people.

Together with the Communists, the working class and progressive mankind, our Communists and people sincerely share the grief of the fraternal Soviet Communists and people over this tremendous loss.

Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev fully completed his lofty duty and left us forever, but he still lives on in the glorious cause of the entire Soviet party and people. His image will remain fresh forever in the hearts of the Communists and the revolutionary and progressive people on this planet. This is because his life, which was richly filled with revolutionary activities, is the shining example of an outstanding individual who greatly contributed to building a great country and society and who struggled untiringly for a peaceful world.

Comrade Brezhnev spent almost 60 years furthering the revolutionary cause. Born on 19 December 1906 to a metallurgy worker's family, he began working at the age of 15, joined the Communist Youth Union at 17 and became a member of the Communist Party at 25. Through various stages of the Soviet country's history, he always stood at the van in difficult and important positions. He was on the forefront of the first stage of industrialization and of the struggle for agricultural collectivization; and at a very early date, he displayed abundant energy and persistence in achieving his goal.

As head of a provincial party organization or a republic, as an army commander or as general secretary of the party Central Committee, he always upheld a sense of responsibility before the people and the fatherland. He built the national defense industry, organized major campaigns to defeat the army of the fascist aggressors, restored the postwar economy, reclaimed waste lands and conquered space.

Beginning in October 1964, Comrade Brezhnev -- an experienced leader and a loyal disciple of Lenin -- was appointed head of the CPSU Central Committee. The glorious undertaking of the head of the Soviet Communist Party and state was closely linked with the new historic stage of the land of the October Revolution -- the stage of developed socialism. With his clear-mindedness and profound understanding of and rich experience in industry, agriculture and the various processes of scientific-technological development, organizational ability and a Leninist collectivized workstyle, he, together with the CPSU Central Committee, deeply analyzed the economic, social and political processes, foresaw the trends of development, set forth correct and creative lines for domestic and foreign affairs, and guided the successful implementation of these lines.

Under the leadership of the CPSU headed by Comrade Brezhnev, the Soviet land went through a stage of magnificent development, full of glorious successes. The Soviet Union has successfully built developed socialism and is hewing a path toward communism. Never before has the Soviet Union had material and cultural forces as great and powerful as those of today. The economic forces of the Soviet state have attained a new level with regard to quality. The scientific-technological revolution has developed both in width and in depth, bringing about changes in various production sectors and in many fields. The economic strategy, the social program and the grain and food program adopted by the CPSU -- to which Comrade Brezhnev made his great contributions -- have been and are being put into motion, advancing the Soviet land forward at a higher rate.

While resolving the crucial tasks facing the party, state and people of the Soviet Union in the new stage, Comrade Brezhnev and the CPSU contributed to creatively developing the invincible doctrine of Karl Marx and Vladimir Ilich Lenin on a series of new problems. The historic success of scientific socialism in the land of Lenin and in many other countries on different continents eloquently testifies that the era opened by the October Revolution is irreversible. The country that opened the new era has since defeated fascism and served as an impregnable bastion of world peace and revolution.

Together with other leader comrades and all Soviet Communists and people, Comrade Brezhnev made great contributions to the victories of socialism and communism the world over, for peace and national independence of nations. Comrade Brezhnev worked to the best of his abilities in order to strengthen solidarity within the socialist community. He made every effort to work for the unification of the international communist and worker movement on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. He resolutely supported the liberation cause of the oppressed peoples.

The Soviet peace program advanced by Comrade Brezhnev at the recent CPSU congresses and the peace initiatives repeatedly presented by him have been accelerating detente and motivating the peace forces to struggle resolutely to prevent the arms race and maintain and consolidate peace — the common wealth of mankind and the prerequisite for its survival.

Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev was a great fighter for peace of our era. Communists and our people will forever remember Comrade Leonid I. Brezhnev with profound respect, love and sincere gratitude. For nearly 2 decades as head of the CPSU and the Soviet state, he greatly contributed to the consolidation and strengthening of the great friendship, militant solidarity and comprehensive cooperation between our two fraternal parties and countries.

In their protracted struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors, our people constantly enjoyed the strong support and valuable assistance from the Soviet party, state and people. In every developmental step of the situation, we always heard the encouraging and fraternal voice of Comrade Brezhnev, who affirmed the unbreakable Soviet solidarity with Vietnam. We will always bear in mind the following famous statement by Comrade Brezhnev: For the Soviet Communists and people, solidarity with Vietnam has been the dictate of the heart and the mind.

After our country was completely liberated, Comrade Brezhnev strongly reaffirmed support for our people in building socialism and defending the socialist fatherland. Comrade Brezhnev and Comrade Le Duan, the venerated and beloved leader of our party and people, signed a treaty of friendship and cooperation between the two countries on 3 November 1978.

When the Beijing expansionist hegemonists ordered some 600,000 troops to wage aggression against Vietnam, Comrade Brezhnev made this stern statement: At this difficult moment for the Vietnamese people, we completely and thoroughly unify with them, and no one doubts Soviet faithfulness to the treaty of friendship and cooperation that binds our two countries together.

Vietnamese-Soviet cooperation has developed constantly in the new stage. Annual meetings between Comrade Le Duan and Comrade Brezhnev played an important role in expanding and strengthening the relations of cooperation between the two parties and two countries. The fine results of the talks in the Kremlin last October between our party and state delegation led by Comrade Truong Chinh, and the Soviet party and state delegation led by Comrade Brezhnev, marked a new developmental step in the militant solidarity and comprehensive cooperation between the two countries. On this occasion, Comrade Brezhnev reaffirmed: We know for sure that nothing can alter the will power of the Vietnamese, Lao and Kampuchean peoples in building a new life. They have loyal and reliable friends, among whom have been, are and always will be Lenin's party and our Soviet state.

The Vietnamese Communists and people engrave in their minds the image of venerated and beloved Comrade Brezhnev, our people's close and beloved friend. They will forever remember all that he has done for our nation and people.

Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev is gone. But his great undertakings will live forever with his country and people and with the peace- and freedom-loving peoples the world over.

Faced with this common loss suffered by both the Soviet Union and Vietnam, we tighten even more closely our solidarity with the Soviet brothers and sisters. We unite closely with the Soviet Union and are confident in Soviet steadiness and powerfulness under the leadership of the new steering committee led by Comrade Yuriy Vladimirovich Andropov, Comrade Brezhnev's close comrade in arms.

The Soviet Communists and people are determined to successfully implement the historic resolution of the 26th CPSU Congress.

Long live Vietnamese-Soviet friendship.

ANDROPOV ELECTED CPSU GENERAL SECRETARY

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[Text] According to our Moscow-based VNA correspondent, today, 12 November, the CPSU Central Committee held an extraordinary plenum. As designated by the CPSU Central Committee Politburo, Comrade Yuriy Andropov, member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, declared the plenum open and delivered a speech.

Those attending the CPSU Central Committee plenum observed 1 minute of silence in memory of Leonid Ilich Brezhnev, general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee and chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, who has just passed away.

The CPSU Central Committee plenum discussed the matter of electing a general secretary for the CPSU Central Committee.

As designated by the CPSU Central Committee Politburo, Comrade Konstantin Chernenko, member of the CPSU Central Committee Politburo and secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, gave his opinion.

The comrade suggested electing Comrade Yuriy Andropov as general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee. The plenum unanimously elected Comrade Yuriy Andropov general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee.

After that, Yuriy Andropov, the new general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, addressed the plenum. The comrade expressed his sincere gratitude to those attending the CPSU Central Committee plenum for placing high confidence in him as they have elected him to the post of general secretary of the CPSU Central Committee.

Comrade Yuriy Andropov promised the CPSU Central Committee that he would devote his utmost energy, knowledge and life experience to successfully fulfilling the program for communist construction already outlined in various resolutions of the 26th CPSU Congress, ensuring the successive character in dealing with various tasks, consolidating further the economic and defense strength of the Soviet Union; and consolidating peace in the implementation of all Leninist domestic and foreign policies which have been carried out since the days Comrade Leonid Ilich Brezhnev was alive.

The plenary session has concluded.

Le Duan Sends Congratulations

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[Text] Hanoi VNA November 13 -- Le Duan, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, has sent the following message to Yuriy Andropov, the newly elected general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

"Dear Comrade Yuriy Andropov:

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam, of all Vietnamese Communists and the Vietnamese people, and in my own name, I warmly congratulate you on your election to the post of general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

The Communist Party of Vietnam and the Vietnamese people know very well that you are an outstanding leader of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and a close comrade-in-arms of the late Comrade L.I. Brezhnev.

We firmly believe that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union and the fraternal Soviet people, under the wise guidance of the Central Committee and of the experienced leadership of the party - the Political Bureau - of which you are the head, will certainly carry out with outstanding success the historic tasks set by the 26th C.P.S.U. Congress and the instructions of the late Comrade L.I. Brezhnev, to continue the Soviet Union's steady advance in laying the material and technical foundations of communism, thereby ensuring the Soviet Union's permanent role as the mainstay and reliable supporter of all the forces of revolution and peace in the world. The Communist Party and the people of Vietnam will exert themselves to help consolidate and strengthen the great friendship, militant solidarity and comprehensive cooperation between the two parties and the two countries, and among the socialist community as a whole.

I sincerely wish you the best of health and great success, in your highly responsible post, in all the noble tasks assigned to you by the Communist Party and the people of the Soviet Union. Communist greetings."

BAC THAI MEETING ON SRV-USSR FRIENDSHIP CLOSES

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[Text] Hanoi, VNA, November 13 -- A meeting was jointly held in Bac Thai Province, north of Hanoi, yesterday by the provincial people's committee and local organizations of the fatherland front and the Vietnam-U.S.S.R. Friendship Association closing the "ten days of Vietnam-U.S.S.R. friendship" held in honour of the 65th anniversary of the October Socialist Revolution and the 60th anniversary of the U.S.S.R.

Attending the meeting on the Vietnamese side were Xuan Thuy, chairman of the Vietnam-U.S.S.R. Friendship Association, Vu Ngoc Linh, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam and secretary of the provincial party committee, and on the Soviet side were members of a delegation of the Soviet-Vietnamese Friendship Society headed by its chairman Gherman Titov and I.A. Ognetov, minister counsellor of the Soviet Embassy in Hanoi, Le Quang, president of the provincial branch of the Vietnam-U.S.S.R. Friendship Association. In his speech gave an account of the result of the emulation drive in honour of the two major anniversaries launched by Vietnamese workers and Soviet experts at the Soviet equipped projects in the province.

Taking the floor, Gherman Titov praised the fraternal solidarity between the Soviet Union and Vietnam and expressed his firm confidence that the Vietnamese people would win complete victory in building and defending their socialist country. Addressing the meeting, Xuan Thuy warmly welcomed the marvellous achievements recorded by the Soviet Union and wished the Soviet people greater successes in the implementation of the resolutions of the 26th congress of the C.P.S.U.

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